

27 January 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training
THROUGH : Chief, Operational Services
SUBJECT : The Soviet Bloc Operations Course

1. Attached for your information is a copy of SB Division's critique of Soviet Bloc Operations Course No. 1 which consists of a summary of the student critiques and our own impressions and recommendations resulting from the first running of this Course.

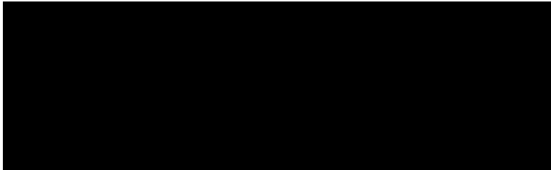
2. In general, we are satisfied that this Course is very worthwhile for all CTs preparing for a career in the Clandestine Services. We recognize that some aspects of it need improvement, and we plan to make the necessary changes when the Course is again offered.

3. Although the critiques indicated that the majority of the students felt that the content of this Course did not duplicate excessively any portion of their previous training, we feel, nevertheless, that duplication exists and that a reduction of it is feasible and desirable. We recognize that many of the students attending the Operations Familiarization Course do not receive further training in operations and that, for them, the presentations on Soviet operations in that Course will not be duplicated elsewhere. Therefore we do not recommend any changes in the Operations Familiarization Course. However, because a separate course in Soviet Bloc Operations will certainly continue as a requirement for all CTs preparing for a career in the Clandestine Services, we recommend that those portions of the Operations Course which are later repeated in the Soviet Operations Course be eliminated from the OC.

4. We would also like to review with OTR the entire content of the tradecraft training of the Operations Course, including particularly those portions dealing with defectors and walk-ins, to determine which other portions might tend to overlap with similar material presented in the Soviet Operations Course and to insure that appropriate Soviet

operations tradecraft aspects and material are included
in that phase of the operations training.

5. If you concur, I suggest that members of our respective
staffs meet to discuss implementing the above recommendations
and related matters.


Chief, SB Division

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Attachment

cc: ADDP